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Marty the robot arrives in Winchester

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Marty the robot has arrived at the Stop & Shop in Winchester. COURTESY PHOTO/MASHABLE COMPOSITE: DAVID L. RYAN / THE BOSTON GLOBE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Customers at the Stop & Shop may have noticed a new device in the store recently— Marty!

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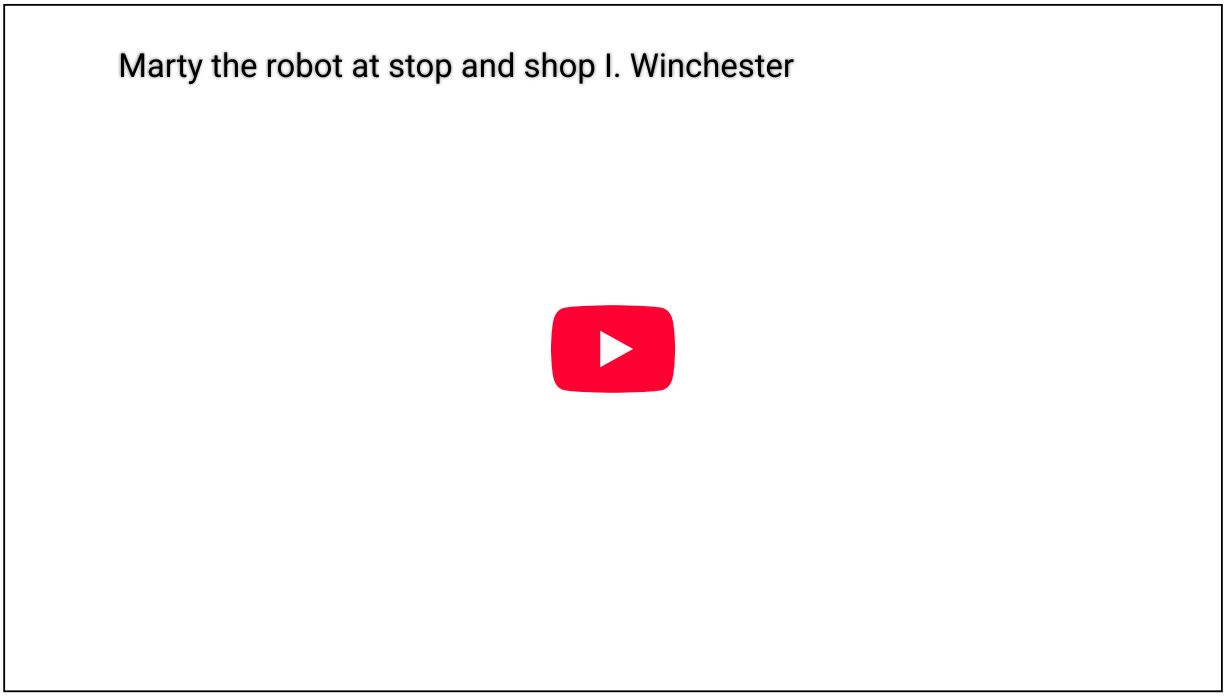
The robot is designed to move through the store looking for spills and dropped objects.

Store Manager Sharn Jin said Marty rolls up and down the aisles at 9 a.m. If he sees anything that needs to be cleaned up, his yellow lights go on and he announces “clean-up in aisle three.”



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Residents have a mixed reaction to Marty. When asked on Facebook for their reactions, a few are concerned that Marty is taking away jobs from people.

Nicki Luongo asked, “Does Marty get rid of stale bread?”

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Adam Schroeder commented, “They should have a robot which will shuttle you to Trader Joe’s.”

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Meet the newest Winchester resident, Marty the Stop & Shop robot. COURTESY PHOTO/SHUKONG OUT

Steve Brykman enjoys taunting the robot.

“For instance, I like to confuse it by showing it QR-codes on my phone,” he says. “There’s no law says you can’t taunt a robot!”

Guy Page says “First we have robots beeping around S&S, next we[illegible] ones that look like Arnold Schwarzenegger hunting us down...ha[illegible] Connor taught us nothing!?!?!”

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John McConnell wrote, “Not as lovable as the robots in BJs. (They squeak, blink, and are able to avoid bumping into things.) It didn’t seem to be able to avoid hitting people.”

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The following was submitted by the Office of Sen. Jason Lewis: State Sen. Jason Lewis joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to pass legislation that protects residents from discrimination in the housing market as the Trump administration abandons its enforcement of the federal Fair Housing Act. Illegal discrimination continues

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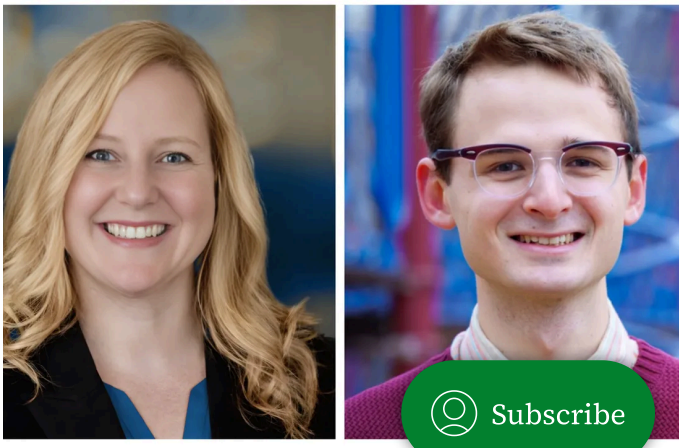

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

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'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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